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When we opened the OHS animal hospital ten years ago, I could only guess at the kind of miracles that might happen. I've recently been sharing the news about two animals who came to OHS needing extraordinary care to survive: a tiny Chihuahua named Kenny and a big pit bull mix named Love.

Kenny and Love are two important parts of a much bigger story. That story is about the power of saying "yes" when we are challenged to help animals. Ten years ago, OHS opened the nation's first Animal Medical Learning Center. The center featured the state-of-the-art Holman Medical Center, new facilities for helping pets who suffered from behavior issues, and a unique partnership with the Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

I still remember the beautiful September day when we literally cut the ribbon to open the center. The new facilities meant that every pet at OHS would get the kind of care everyone would want for their own pet.

An OHS supporter asked me at the time why we set the bar so high for the standard of care for shelter pets. My reply was straightforward: if we, as a humane society, don't say yes to providing compassion and care for animals, who will?

That standard helped to save the life of Kenny, an adorable puppy who came to OHS suffering from a highly unusual condition called megaesophagus. Basically, Kenny's esophagus was so enlarged that he couldn't keep food down and was constantly regurgitating. He was in terrible shape, and the condition can prove fatal. There's no cure, but there is a way to manage the condition: keep Kenny upright when he is eating and digesting his food. That's not an easy task!

Fortunately, a skilled OHS veterinarian got Kenny on the road to wellness, even taking him to her own home to monitor his condition. A foster volunteer continued to help Kenny, and eventually a family opened their hearts and home to him. Kenny is now thriving. Who could have imagined such a great outcome before the OHS medical center was established?

Another pet in need of a miracle was a 40-pound pit bull mix who was rescued by authorities in Washington. The dog, named Love, had lived most of her life outdoors with little human contact. She was apparently the victim of an attack by another dog while she was chained to a tree. Love suffered severe lacerations to her neck and chest. The wounds had become infected and would have soon been fatal without medical care.

While Washington law enforcement officials considered charges against Love's owners, OHS was asked to provide medical care for the dog. We answered the call and I am happy to report that after extensive surgery, Love made a remarkable recovery. She was soon adopted and is now adored by her new owners.

Those are just two of the recent miracles that happened at the Holman Medical Center, which has now performed over 110,000 surgeries since it opened ten years ago. To establish the hospital, it took a dedicated group of people willing to say yes to making it a reality. But once we say yes to a powerful idea, we open the door to making miracles happen.

Sharon Harmon
President and CEO

DISASTER TEAM DEPLOYS TO TEXAS

Less than five days after Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas Gulf Coast, an OHS disaster response team was on the ground in Houston to help animals stranded by the disaster. The massive storm, which has been compared to Hurricane Katrina, has resulted in at least 69 deaths and displaced an estimated 30,000 people.

“Natural disasters of this scale can leave thousands of animals without homes and will easily overwhelm the ability of local shelters to care for pets,” said Sharon Harmon, OHS President and CEO. “There will be a lot of heartbreaking work to do, but hopefully a lot of joyful work as well when it comes to reuniting families with lost pets.”

The four-person OHS team was deployed to a facility in the Houston area at the request of the Houston SPCA, the largest animal shelter in the area. The emergency team helped provide daily care for pets that were abandoned or stranded due to flood waters. They also worked with the public to reunite pet owners with pets who were lost during the hurricane. Even before the first team completed its seven-day assignment, plans were being made to send additional OHS personnel.

The same week that the rescue team departed for Texas, a group of animals from Texas shelters arrived at OHS through the Second Chance program. The pets were from shelters outside of the disaster zone, and were being transferred to OHS and other organizations to make room in local shelters for the expected influx of pets from flood-ravaged areas.



First responders in Texas evacuate pets and people in Houston during Hurricane Harvey. Photo courtesy Texas National Guard.

The OHS team members deployed to Texas are certified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and experienced in the day-to-day operation of emergency shelters. In the last few years, OHS has sent disaster response teams to help animals affected by Hurricane Sandy and the tornadoes in Joplin, Missouri and Moore, Oklahoma. During Hurricane Katrina, OHS team members spent several weeks in the disaster zone rescuing pets, and brought more than 100 abandoned animals to OHS for adoption.

OHS efforts to help pets who are victims of natural disasters are supported by private donations and do not receive any tax dollars.

Visit oregonhumane.org or the OHS Facebook page for updates on efforts to help pets affected by Hurricane Harvey. ☺

OHS HELPS FERAL KITTENS FIND HOMES



This red tabby was the 100th kitten to be offered for adoption through the Kitten Caboose program.

Can kittens thought to be feral—and thus unadoptable—become companion animals? OHS has answered that question with a resounding yes, and recently celebrated the transfer to the shelter of the 100th kitten who was born to a feral mother. The kitten, an orange tabby named Atari, was brought to OHS by the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO). Although born to a feral family and captured in a trap, the four-month-old kitten is friendly to people and should make a wonderful addition to his new human family.

Under the new OHS/FCCO program, called Kitten Caboose, tame kittens that come to FCCO to be spayed or neutered can be brought to OHS to find homes. The kittens, which are altered and vaccinated by FCCO, have an excellent track record of making good pets (feral adult cats are rarely suitable for adoption). Previously, the kittens would have been returned to the outdoors, where the chances for survival are slim compared to inside pets.

If you are providing care for a feral cat in your neighborhood, contact FCCO for information about their trap-neuter-return program. FCCO services are for feral cats who have people, known as caregivers, feeding them. The caregivers trap the cats, bring them to a clinic, and return the cats to where they are being fed. Visit feralcats.com or call (503) 797-2606 for more information. ☺

OHS ADOPTERS GET \$250 IN FOLLOW-UP CARE AT VCA HOSPITALS

OHS adopters will now get more medical services for their pets, thanks to a new partnership between OHS and VCA Animal Hospitals. For every pet that is adopted from OHS, VCA Animal Hospitals is donating up to \$250 in post-adoption care to the adopter to ensure that every pet remains healthy.

The complimentary care is available for 14 days after the adoption. There are 18 VCA locations in the Portland metro area that are participating in the program. The hospitals in the Portland area offer a full range of veterinary services, including primary medical care, emergency care, dentistry and more.

“We hope adopters will take advantage of this generous offer from VCA and establish a relationship with a veterinarian as soon as possible,” said Chase Patterson, OHS Director of Shelter Operations. For more information about VCA hospitals in the Portland area, visit: vcahospitals.com. ©



Adopters benefit from new partnership with VCA Animal Hospitals.

AMBER GETS NEW START

Amber, a mellow pit-bull mix who was doused with gasoline and intentionally set on fire by her owner, has found a new home through OHS after recovering from her injuries.

Amber was relocated to OHS early this summer from the small town of Yreka, California, where her abuser pleaded guilty to animal cruelty charges and is now receiving mental health care services. Amber was treated for her extensive injuries at Siskiyou County Animal Control and at the Siskiyou Humane Society. The dog’s burns were so severe that portions of both her ears were amputated.

The local shelter requested that Amber come to OHS to find a new home. The two-year-old, 60-pound dog arrived at OHS in July as part of the OHS Second Chance program that gives pets in Oregon and beyond new opportunities to find homes.

Amber always had a friendly personality, which remained intact despite the abuse. She was described by her fans at the Siskiyou Humane Society as “a complete sweetheart who loves to give and receive affection, is very smart and focused with training, is a huge submissive grinner and loves to play with other dogs.”



Amber before and after her recovery from severe burns.

That description proved true when she came to OHS. Amber was quickly adopted by a man from West Linn, Michael, who saw Amber’s story on the news and made sure he was the first one to meet her when she became available for adoption. Michael said that he looked into Amber’s hazel eyes and thought, “She’s the one.” ©



SPAY & SAVE PROGRAM OFFERS CANBY PICKUP

In an effort to help more low-income families gain access to spay/neuter services for their cats, the Spay & Save program is offering a new option: free transportation to felines who are dropped off at the fairgrounds in Canby. The 30-mile trip from Canby to the OHS Holman Medical Center is provided free of charge. The spay and neuter services are provided at low- or no-cost.

“We’ve had a great response so far,” said Spay & Save Coordinator Kayte Wolf. “This is one of the more rural areas near Portland, and our clients with limited transportation options really appreciate the opportunity to drop their cats off in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon.”

The program is operated by the Animal Shelter Alliance of Portland, a coalition of the major animal shelters and organizations in the metro area. Last year, the program altered more than 9,300 pets, with the majority of the surgeries performed at OHS. For more information about the program and the next pickup date in Canby, visit asapmetro.org. ©

Sharon Harmon of OHS (second from left) joins the KATU news team, including (left to right), Joe Becker, Steve Dunn, Deb Knapp and Dave Salesky.

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You won't believe who's watching!

Will you be watching too?

The biggest audience watching the upcoming Oregon Humane Society telethon may just be ... your pets! Cats and dogs and bunnies will be guarding TV remotes on Oct. 5, with one goal in mind: don't let humans change the channel!

It's the annual OHS Telethon, which means it's time to speak up for those who can't speak for themselves: pets who don't have homes, pets who need medical care, pets who are victims of neglect, and pets who may just need ... love.

TELETHON BROADCAST SCHEDULE: Thursday Oct. 5 on KATU Ch. 2

» **9 am – 10 pm:** KATU's AM Northwest Show is taken over by animals, coming to you live from the OHS shelter. Woof!

» **3 pm – 4 pm:** Feisty felines and courageous canines take over KATU's Afternoon Live program. Meow!

» **4 pm – 7 pm:** Our furry friends make constant cameos on KATU news programs. Can you see tails wagging? Can you hear cats purring?

Don't wait until Oct. 5: Donate to help pets now! Go online at oregonhumane.org/telethon and help kick-start the Telethon. Your pets are counting on it!

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Keep on Truckin'

IT MAY HAVE been the first-ever OHS get-acquainted meeting conducted inside the cab of a long-distance truck. For trucker James McGill, his truck is his home — a home he wanted to share with an OHS dog named Blaze. James hauls frozen food coast to coast, spending up to three months at a time on the road. “I really wanted a dog and I saw that Blaze had been at OHS for a long time.”

How did a Seattle-based trucker find his match at the OHS shelter in Portland? For McGill, it was about the location of the Jubitz Truck Stop in Portland, which is just 1.6 miles from the OHS shelter. He found that small distance irresistible. After seeing Blaze’s picture on the OHS website, he visited the shelter to meet the dog in person.

Was it a match meant to be? Blaze had already travelled a long path of his own to reach OHS. He came from Madera County Animal Services in Central California (735 miles from OHS), thanks to the OHS Second Chance program. At OHS, Blaze received extensive help from the Training and Behavior Department to overcome “guarding” issues.

Blaze guarded food and toys, showing hostility at times to people or other dogs who approached.

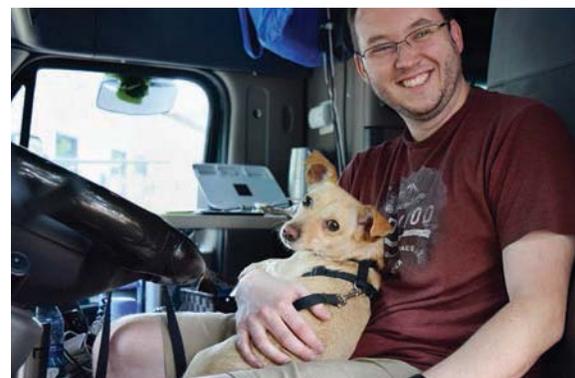
To overcome this behavior, Blaze benefited from the “trade” game. If Blaze was playing with a toy and did not want to give it up, the trainer would try to “trade” that toy for something better—like a tasty treat. With lots of repetition over several months, Blaze’s guarding behavior was dramatically reduced.

McGill came to see Blaze on a Sunday, and OHS Lead Trainer Lori Kirby knew it was a good match from the start. “Blaze always did a good job of showing us who he liked, and Blaze picked him,” she said of McGill. OHS hosted a second pet meet to introduce Blaze to McGill’s truck. Called a “condo,” the truck cabin features two bunk beds and plenty of room for a small dog. The truck’s engine was started so Blaze could hear, feel and smell what his new home would be like.

Inside the truck, Blaze settled immediately in McGill’s lap. “Obviously he loves me! He keeps giving me kisses. I don’t think he’ll ever get out of my lap,” said McGill during the pet meet. With two successful pet meetings, the deal was sealed and the adoption made official.

Riding the road with McGill is “a great situation” for Blaze, said Kirby. The behavior team felt Blaze would do best

in a quiet home with no small children. The “condo” truck meets that description: it’s a secure, predictable place where a dog like Blaze can thrive with his new human friend. Blaze will



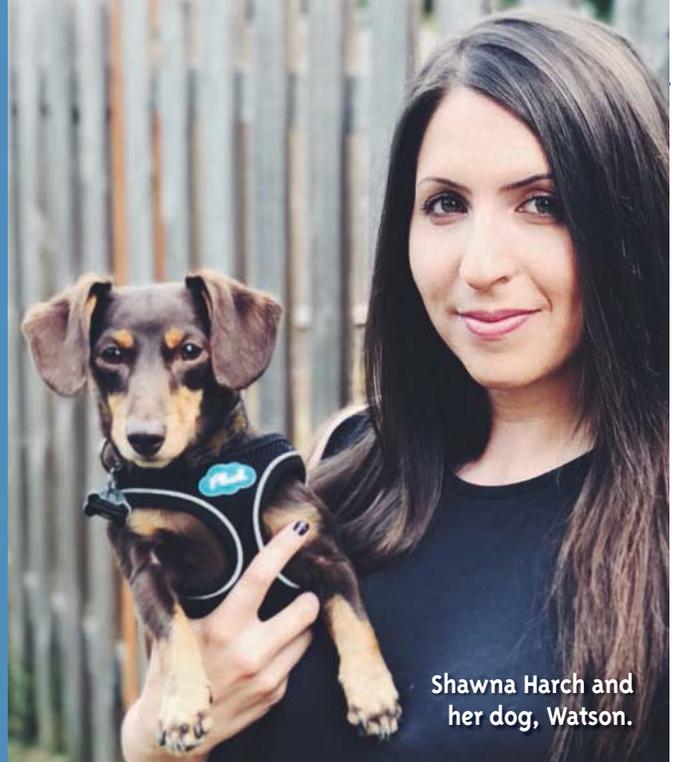
Blaze and James inside the “condo.”

ride with James and sleep in the truck when they are on the road. Many truck stops are dog-friendly, complete with dog bathing stations and sometimes even a resident veterinarian. Dog-friendly rest stops on highways offer plenty of exercise opportunities.

Best of all, McGill wanted a dog like Blaze, and Blaze took to McGill instantly. It’s a relationship that should go the distance. ☺

BREAKING GLASS TO SAVE A LIFE

New Law Enacted; Put to Use Next Day



Shawna Harch and her dog, Watson.

By David Lytle

On June 22, a new Oregon law that expands protections for children and pets left alone in parked vehicles took effect.

The law, backed by OHS, protects members of the public from damages if they break into a locked car to save the life of a pet or a child. This is the story of how the law came into play the very next day in downtown Portland.

Shawna Harch's hands were bleeding from smashing the car jack against the passenger window of the black Mercedes-Benz. The diamond-shaped car jack was heavy enough to support the entire weight of a car when changing a tire, but it bounced off the car window with no result. After six or seven swings with all her strength, Harch was tired, hurting and on the verge of tears.

In the back seat of the car was a tiny tan and white dog, a Pomeranian-Chihuahua mix that looked to weigh about seven pounds. The dog was panting frantically and showing signs of heat stroke. The temperature in downtown Portland was 90 degrees, as the city was entering the first day of what would be a brutal three-day heat wave. All four windows of the Mercedes sedan were rolled up

tightly, with only a one-inch gap around the sunroof offering ventilation.

Having worked at a veterinary clinic, Shawna knew that temperatures inside a parked car can rise dramatically in as little as 10 to 20 minutes on a summer day, putting pets at risk of a fatal heat stroke. A window that is rolled down just one or two inches offers little relief.

In the back of her mind, Harch remembered hearing about a new Oregon law that shielded people from being sued if they broke into a car to save the life of a pet or a child. "As I was trying to break into the car, a woman actually stopped and told me the law had just passed yesterday," recalled Harch. "That's great, I thought, but I need to break the window anyway. I would not be able to live with myself if I walked away with the dog in distress."

Harch had already tried to locate the car's driver by going door to door, asking shop owners on the busy street in Portland's Pearl District if they or any of their customers knew who drove the car. After coming up empty-handed, she called the Portland Police.

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ABOUT *the* NEW LAW



The public, as well as police, can break a car's window to rescue a pet or child in imminent danger without the risk of being sued thanks to a new Oregon law, HB 2732. Breaking a window is a last resort: before someone breaks a vehicle window, law enforcement must be contacted. Additionally, rescuers must stay with the animal until first responders arrive or the owner of the car returns. For more information on the new Oregon law and how quickly a car's temperature can rise to a dangerous level, visit the OHS website at: oregonhumane.org/hot.



Kenny arrived at OHS weighing just one pound.

A Tiny Chihuahua with a Huge Will to Survive

Unusual Medical Condition Demands Extra Help

When Kenny first arrived at OHS he weighed just one pound and was so small he could be held in one hand. He also faced a major problem: a rock he had eaten remained in his stomach and posed a serious health risk. As the OHS medical team would soon discover, the stone in Kenny's stomach was only part of his problem.

Kenny came to OHS through the Second Chance program, which brings thousands of pets from other shelters to OHS. Although these pets may have literally run out of time at their previous shelters, they remain available for adoption at OHS for as long as needed.

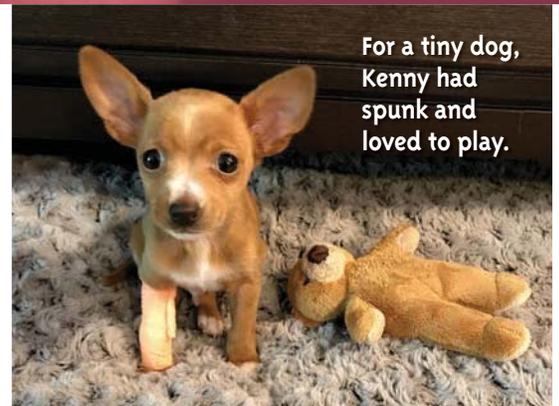
In early June, OHS received an urgent call for assistance from Benton Franklin Humane Society in Kennewick, Washington. Could OHS take in a tiny puppy with immediate medical needs?

The puppy had eaten a small rock and was dehydrated and vomiting constantly. Benton Franklin did not have the resources to help him. At OHS, a surgeon removed the small rock successfully. Kenny, however, continued to have problems. His diagnosis: megaesophagus.

Kenny's throat was so enlarged that food and liquids could not make it to his stomach, and instead remained in his esophagus. The condition meant that Kenny was not only being deprived of nutrition, but that he was also likely to catch life-threatening aspiration pneumonia because of food particles being inhaled into his lungs.

Kenny's condition, which can strike dogs, cats, and horses, requires close monitoring and some trial and error to determine the best feeding technique.

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For a tiny dog, Kenny had spunk and loved to play.



Kenny in the ski boot that Dr. Wixson used for his first feedings.



TOP DOG

Humphrey, by Ted Ciochon

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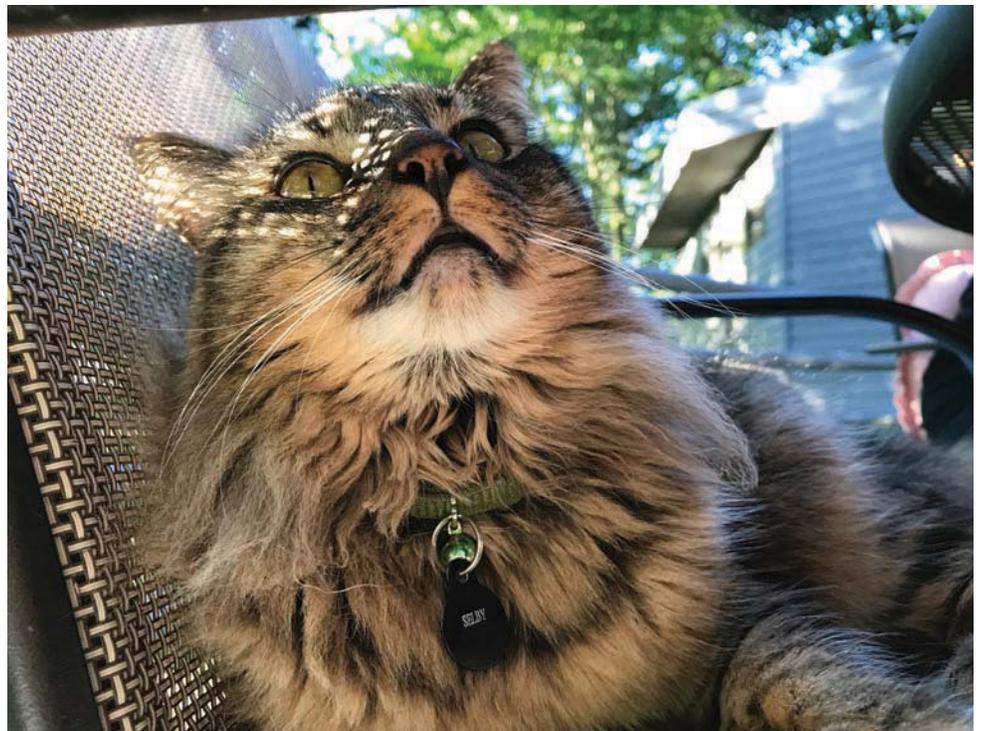
TOP CAT RUNNER-UP

Mimi, by Laura Suo



TOP DOG RUNNER-UP

Lux, by Megha Shrestha & Cody Miller



TOP CAT

Manny, by Spike Selby

WHO'S THE CUTEST?

THE RESULTS ARE IN! The OHS Fuzzy, Furry, and Feathered Friends Photo Contest asked the public to vote on one of our favorite subjects here at OHS: adorable pets! Nearly 300 people submitted photos to the contest, which raised almost \$15,000 to help shelter pets. The contest used a people's choice voting system. Votes were purchased for \$1 each, and the public could vote as often as they wished.

Pets were honored in three categories: Top Dog, Top Cat and Top Other Pet. In addition, OHS employees selected the OHS Choice Award based on outstanding photography.

Humphrey, winner of the Top Dog Award, received 1,224 votes from the public, more than any other pet in the contest, including the other 185 dogs who entered. Of the 76 cats who competed, Manny garnered the most votes, 347. The winner of the Other Pet category, with 161 votes, was a photo of a pair of pets: Clover Grassy the rabbit and Maggie the dog.

The OHS Choice Award went to photographer Callie Attanasio, whose photograph of an older dog captured the hearts of the judges.

The winners in each category received a \$200 gift certificate and a professionally framed photograph of their entry courtesy of NW Framing.



ONLINE: See the photos on the web at oregonhumane.org/photo-contest. ☉

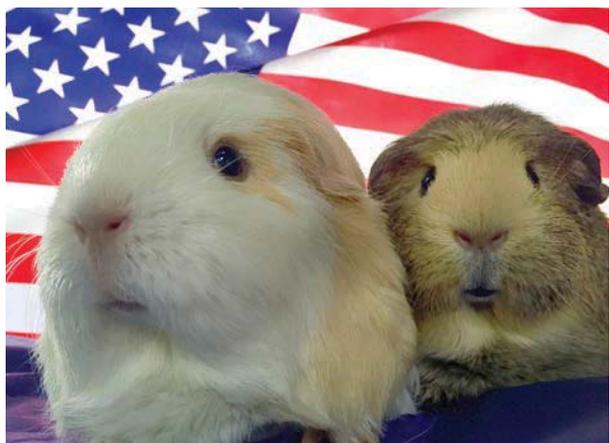


OHS CHOICE AWARD

Kai, by Callie Attanasio

TOP "OTHER" PET

Maggie and Clover Grassy, by Kalise Rucker



TOP "OTHER" PET RUNNER-UP

Quinn and Rory, by Stacie Scott



Amanda Ferguson was Kenny's foster mom, and greatly helped his recovery.

“When I saw Kenny's photo...my heart just melted and I had to take him in as a foster”

Kenny was fortunate that OHS veterinarian Dr. Margaret Wixson was familiar with the condition, in part from owning a dog who suffered from megaesophagus.

After surgery to remove the rock, Dr. Wixson took Kenny home to help him recover. “He was so small and fragile that I felt that I would be able to give him his best shot. I took him home for the first several days to figure out how to feed him” said Dr. Wixson. As it turned out, the best way for Kenny to cope with his condition was to eat and digest food in an upright position. By eating upright, gravity would assist food and liquids as they made their way down the esophagus and into the stomach. As long as Kenny could stay upright during the eating

and digesting of his meals, he could survive.

Although eating upright sounds like an impossibility for most pets, Dr. Wixson found a solution. Kenny was so tiny that, for his initial upright feedings, he could be positioned vertically in a ski boot. The makeshift solution worked, and after a few days with Dr. Wixson, six-week-old Kenny was ready to go home with experienced foster-care volunteer Amanda Ferguson.

“When I saw Kenny's photo—he was so tiny and adorable—my heart just melted and I had to take him in as a foster,” said Ferguson. Kenny struggled at first. His esophagus was so enlarged that Ferguson could see he had problems breathing and difficulty keeping food down. “He was so tiny and sickly. It was heartbreaking to watch,” said Ferguson.

The rock that had been in his stomach caused additional inflammation, and as a result he had developed aspiration pneumonia. That meant Kenny needed round-the-clock care. “At first, I was feeding him every four hours, even overnight, and he had to stay upright for at least 45 minutes after each meal,” said Ferguson. “I cut t-shirts into makeshift slings so I could keep him upright against my chest and still have use of my hands. I carried him like that almost all day, every day, until his antibiotics started to clear up the pneumonia.”

The fragile, tiny puppy proved to be a fighter. He began to gain weight, and, as he started to have more energy, his spunky personality emerged. Kenny turned out to be a small dog with a large dog attitude. “He has a big personality. He thinks he's a big dog ready to take on the world. He will take a stuffed toy that is bigger than he is, lift it with his mouth and shake it hard while growling. It's hilarious,” said Ferguson.

“He has a big dog personality. He thinks he's a big dog ready to take on the world.”

The decision was soon made that Kenny was healthy enough to go to a permanent home. As soon as he was offered for adoption, a couple immediately came forward. Maggie and Troy of Northeast Portland had heard about Kenny's unusual condition and requested a pet meet.

Kenny got along well with the two Chihuahuas already in Maggie and Troy's family. Best of all, the Portland couple were experienced at helping special needs dogs, as they had previously adopted a two-legged dog named Evie from OHS.

The pair welcomed Kenny's big personality in their family and soon mastered the techniques of feeding him. “When we heard about Kenny, it reminded us so much of Evie that we knew we wanted to adopt him,” said Troy. In fact, Evie and Kenny soon became the best of pals. “Our bi-pawed Evie, and our mega esophagus puppy, have bonded,” said Maggie. “Thank you Dr. Wixson and Amanda Ferguson!” ☺



Maggie and Troy welcomed Kenny (right) into their hearts.



Dr. Kirk Miller, left, and OSU students Claire Lemons and Kristi Bunde prepare for surgery.

OSU Veterinary Students Help Pets

MORE OSU BEAVERS COMING

Oregon State University veterinary student Claire Lemons has just finished her fifth surgical procedure since she arrived at the OHS Holman Medical Center a week ago. During that same time she also diagnosed a dog with diabetes, treated pets for skin conditions and cared for cats afflicted with upper respiratory infections.

When students from OSU or other veterinary colleges come to OHS, they find themselves performing more surgeries and seeing more pets during their three-week rotation than they have in their previous four years of veterinary college. "At OHS, you hit the ground running," said Lemons.

The OHS medical center was established in 2007 as the nation's first veterinary teaching hospital located inside an animal shelter. More than 600 students have completed rotations at OHS, providing approximately 2,000 hours of veterinary care each year. At OSU, all fourth-year students are required to study at the OHS medical center, often staying in dormitories on the second floor of the hospital building.

This fall, OSU's class of veterinarians will increase from 56 to 72 students, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Susan Tornquist, dean of the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Her success

at growing the program means 16 additional students will be helping OHS pets starting in 2020, when the first group of 72 students reaches the four-year mark.

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OSU veterinary student Claire Lemons with patient.

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The police told Shawna they would send an officer, but were unable to estimate how long it would take before someone arrived.

Still hoping to find the owner, she attempted to trigger the car's alarm. "I was kicking the tires and banging on the windows to try to set off the alarm. That didn't work. I even tried to get in through the moon roof." Finally, she opened the trunk of her own car and retrieved a car jack, an expanding scissors-like device used to raise a car high enough to change a tire.

After failing to smash the window with the car jack, Harch asked for help. A passerby told her that hitting the window in the center of the glass would never work, and that she instead had to strike at the window's most vulnerable point: the corner.

Her first swing at the corner was a success. A small opening was smashed out and Harch enlarged the hole with additional swings until she could reach inside and open the door. She quickly removed the dog, who was panting at an alarming rate and was obviously in distress. Workers from a nearby restaurant had seen

Harch breaking into the car, and they brought over a tub of water so Harch could immerse the dog and reduce its body temperature. The dog was finally out of danger.

The Portland Police soon arrived, as did the owner of the car and the dog. The police advised the dog's owner to take his pet to a veterinarian immediately. "They also told them about the new law and that I was a good Samaritan trying to help the dog. They told them the car's owner was responsible for the damage." To Harch's surprise, the owner of the vehicle was not angry and thanked Harch for saving the dog.

Harch has never seen the two men again, and hopes they did take the dog, which seemed to have recovered, to a veterinarian. "I'm very relieved I didn't have to go to court, and I am really grateful for the work that the Oregon Humane Society did in pushing for this law. You really empowered me and everyone else to do the right thing. Hopefully, if this happens enough, people will stop leaving dogs in cars." ☺

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At OHS, veterinary students work side by side with the 25-person OHS medical team to provide a full-range of medical care for pets. They study under Dr. Kirk Miller, an OSU clinical faculty member who is assigned full-time to the medical center. Students gain hands-on experience in small-animal medicine and surgery, medical case workups, exam room protocols, behavior basics, and dentistry.

In addition to the daily care provided to shelter pets, students offer medical advice to OHS foster volunteers who

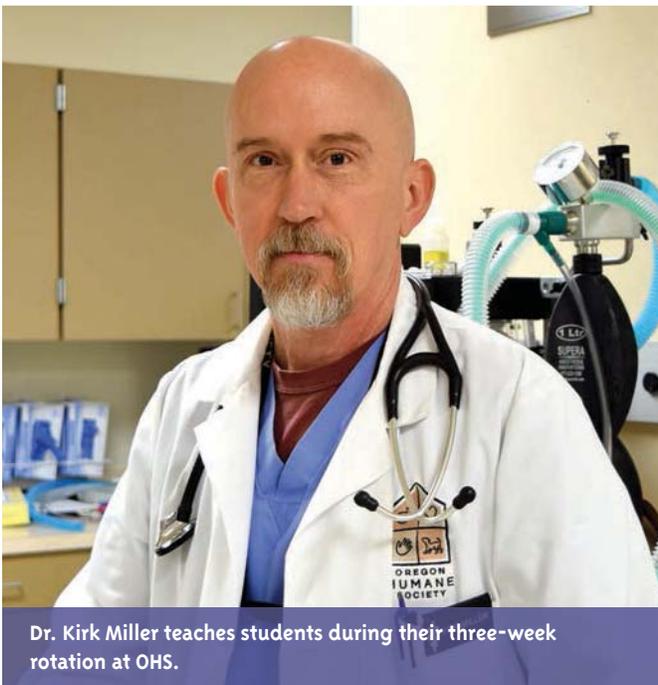
are caring for pets in their own homes and to members of the public who bring pets to OHS for low-cost spay and neuter surgery.

The volume and diversity of medical and surgical cases seen at OHS builds student confidence as well as the skills needed to treat animals in shelter settings and in private practices. Hands-on learning is also vital to prepare students for meeting the educational requirements set out by the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

"I've always respected the work of shelter veterinarians and staff, but now I have a better picture of how much energy goes into each and every animal at the shelter," said fourth-year OSU student Lindsay Jones, who is completing a rotation alongside Lemons. "Everyone at OHS works tirelessly to make sure the animals are healthy, happy and adoptable."

In addition to gaining first-hand clinical experience, students are immersed in "best practices" at the OHS medical center, which is accredited as a teaching site by both the American Animal Hospital Association and AVMA. Only 15 percent of veterinary practices in America meet this standard of excellence.

"This partnership is a dream come true," said Dr. Kris Otteman, OHS Vice President of Shelter Medicine and Operations. "It helps students gain new skills, it helps animals who need medical care, and it educates the next generation of veterinarians about the work of animal shelters." ☺



Dr. Kirk Miller teaches students during their three-week rotation at OHS.



HAPPY CAMPERS

Summertime at the Shelter

What do snakes, lizards, rats, kittens and a police K-9 dog have in common? Answer: they were all part of summer camp at OHS! Each year more than 200 students participate in one of Portland's most popular summer camps, where everyone gets hands-on experience working with animals.

If helping to walk, groom and play with OHS pets wasn't enough, campers also were treated to a host of special guests. Campers learned about animal health from OHS veterinarians. They met OHS Humane Special Agents and discovered how Oregon laws protect pets from cruelty. They were introduced to Ranger, a Multnomah County police K-9 dog.

Campers learned about nearly every aspect of how an animal shelter

operates, with one of their favorite activities being hands-on time with the animals. This year, instructors focused on building character traits such as respect, empathy and compassion.

OHS hosted eight camps in total: two sessions for camp counselor training and six weeks of camp for third through seventh graders. The campers were guided through their camp experience by OHS educators and 38 counselors in grades 8-11. Camp counselors are veterans of past camps and are invaluable in helping make each year's camp a success.

To learn more about kid-friendly activities at OHS, visit the OHS website at oregonhumane.org. ☺



In Memoriam: Janice Hooson THE QUIET PHILANTHROPIST

By Kathy Eaton

JANICE HOOSON loved all the animals who visited her backyard, raccoons and skunks included. She was known among friends as Saint Jan of Assisi, but to the Oregon Humane Society, she was known as one of the most generous donors in the recent history of the organization.

Jan met OHS President and CEO Sharon Harmon soon after Harmon started working at OHS in 1989. Jan would ask Sharon to identify a shelter pet to adopt, typically small, white, fluffy dogs. Over time, Jan adopted Mimi, Lacey (a Maltese rescued from an overwhelmed breeder in Medford), and Juliette. She was equally devoted to the cats she adopted.

A charter member of the OHS Thomas Lamb Eliot Circle, Jan said yes to requests for donations for the animals more than 100 times. Jan was one of the largest annual donors to OHS since the early 1990s, said Harmon.

During the economic downturn in March 2009, Jan wrote to OHS saying, "I can't believe people are giving up their pets now. Perhaps this donation will help a little." She was generous in her donations but very modest about receiving any recognition for her gifts. Often apologetic, Jan was never convinced that her gifts were large enough. Harmon refers to Jan as "the quiet philanthropist."

Born in Pendleton, Oregon in 1921, Jan's father worked as a butcher and her mom stayed home to raise their three children. The family moved to North Bonneville, Washington, and Jan graduated from Stevenson High School in 1940. Her family subsequently moved to Portland where Jan and her high school best friend, Mary Potts Brathovd, attended secretarial school. In the late 1940s, she met and married Robert Hooson, who worked as a division chief for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The couple had a house built in Southwest Portland the 1959 and Jan lived in that same house the rest of her life, according to her best friend's daughter, Gail Reynolds.

When Reynolds lost her mom at an early age, she and Jan forged a mother-daughter friendship that



Janice Hooson with Sharon Harmon and Lacey.

lasted until Jan passed away on July 2, 2017, at age 95. Jan never had children, but was devoted to animals, both those she adopted and those she fed in her back yard. Jan donated a paver for the front walkway leading to the shelter that reads, "My Pets Are My Life." According to Reynolds, Jan provided her dogs the very best, feeding them chops and steaks; they didn't care for hamburgers.

After retiring from a career as shipment comptroller for United Grain in Portland, Jan lived independently in her home and had never been hospitalized prior to the week she passed away.

Jan's housekeeper adopted her dog Juliette, and Jan's cat Daisy came to the shelter through the Friends Forever care-of-surviving-pets program.

Daisy quickly found a new home with OHS employee Alexis Ingram who fell in love with "the dream kitty" who had been Jan's constant companion. The cat, whom Ingram renamed Tillie, now lives with her new family of two humans and two big dogs and quickly established that she rules the house. Jan trained her cat well (see story, p. 21). ©

TLC Business Partners

The following business have made significant financial contributions (\$2,500 +) to OHS and/or in-kind donations from August 2016 through August 2017. A complete list of TLC Business Partners can be found online at oregonhumane.org/get-involved/support-our-partners.

New members in bold

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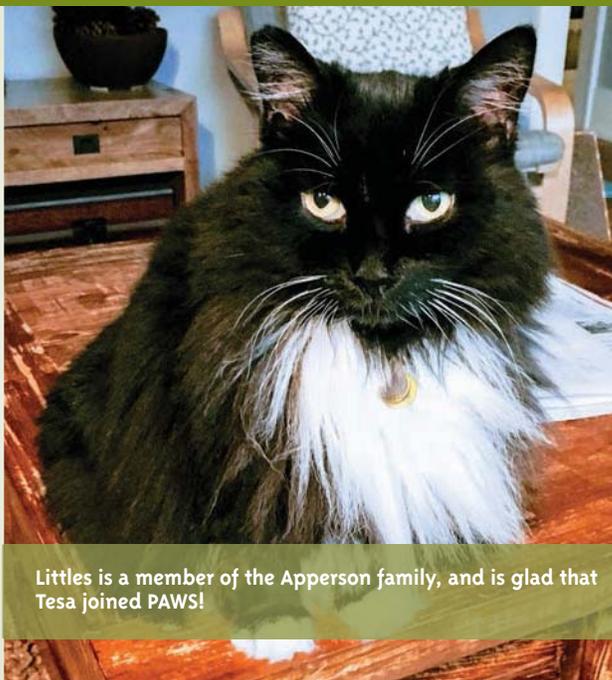
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—Tesa Apperson



Littles is a member of the Apperson family, and is glad that Tesa joined PAWS!

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Make pets happy
with a rollover.

Congress Makes IRA Charitable Rollover Permanent

By William Ramirez, Attorney, OHS volunteer

WELCOME NEWS for supporters of OHS is that the charitable Individual Retirement Account rollover is now permanent! With the rollover, donors can avoid income taxes on their IRA's required minimum distribution, plus, benefit the pets at OHS.

The federal IRA charitable rollover provision was originally enacted as a temporary charitable measure that was revived on an almost yearly basis by Congress. Now it is permanent. It is a powerful boost for donors who have reached age 70½ and are required to make minimum distributions from their IRAs.

An IRA charitable rollover is a brilliant strategy for making gifts to OHS because donors will no longer need to pay income tax on the distribution. The rollover rules provide an annual exclusion from gross income of up to \$100,000 for "qualified charitable distributions" from an IRA. Since OHS qualifies as a charitable organization, this permits distributions to OHS from

traditional IRA accounts to be excluded from gross income, thus reducing the donor's taxable income.

The requirements are relatively simple and straight forward:

- The charitable rollover must be from a traditional IRA;
- The rollover must be direct from the IRA trustee/fund to the charitable organization (the funds cannot be distributed via the donor first; no intervening possession or ownership by the IRA owner);
- The IRA owner has reached age 70½.

For more details, contact your personal financial advisor. For additional information about gifts to OHS, contact Gary Kish, OHS Vice President for Development, vpdev@oregon-humane.org. ☺

CHRIST AND BARBARA BOUNEFF

CHRIST AND BARBARA

Bouneff's favorite way to support OHS is via their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA). "It's an easy way to give and there are so many advantages," said Christ. "Once I reached the minimum age, our stock broker suggested we give directly from the IRA."

The IRS requires that people begin making IRA withdrawals at age 70½. Those withdrawals can have major tax consequences, as the funds are taxed as ordinary income. Instead of making the mandatory taxable withdrawal, the Bouneffs took

advantage of an IRS provision that allows people to donate the amount directly to charity. Because OHS received the funds directly from the IRA account, the money was not counted as income and the Bouneffs avoided any tax liability from it.

"Not many organizations let people know that this option is available," said Christ. "For at least the last ten years, we've sent our gift to OHS directly from the IRA. The method we use to give is applicable for anyone who has an IRA, meets the age minimum and wants to make a contribution," he said. ☺



The Bouneffs with pets (left to right) Rocky, Buddy and Ruby.



Friends Forever™

New Family Welcomes First Feline

By Alexis Ingram, OHS Donor Relations Manager

Supporters of OHS have incredible hearts and incredible pets. As a donor relations manager, I have the pleasure of getting to know some of these amazing people. During a visit with Janice Hooson, (see In Memoriam, page 18), I was introduced to her two pets, Juliette the Maltese-mix dog, and Daisey the tabby cat, both adopted from OHS. Jan was particularly fond of Daisey and I quickly fell in love with the kitty as well—she was confident around Jan’s dog, interested in new people, and had the cutest meow I’d ever heard.

When Jan passed away recently, I instantly wondered about her pets. I knew that she was a member of Friends Forever, an OHS program that ensures the care of any pet who survives their owner. Jan wanted her pets to be taken care of by OHS in the event she passed, so I assumed they would be coming to OHS to find their next home. I learned that Jan’s longtime friend adopted Juliette, and that Daisey was being brought to OHS and would be available for adoption soon.

That night my husband and I decided that this was the perfect time to add the first feline to our family. We have two large dogs and I admit that we

were nervous about how our coonhound, Frankie, would adjust to having a cat in the house. I shared my concerns during a one-on-one behavior training session with OHS trainer Jennifer Shirley. Jennifer was incredibly helpful, talking me through how to successfully introduce a cat into the home. We even did a pet meet with Frankie and a robotic cat to see how things might go! It was hard for me to believe, but the OHS Behavior and Training Department has a robotic cat that most dogs believe is a living, breathing and meowing feline.

We brought Daisey home about a month ago and she’s been a wonderful addition to our family. She likes to roll on her back and get belly rubs and to play with feather toys. We’re slowly navigating the cat and dog introductions, and have baby gates up all over the house to prevent surprise encounters between the dogs and Daisey. We’re confident that with patience—and Daisey’s assertiveness around dogs—that all of us will soon be snuggling together on the couch.

Jan was a faithful friend to her own animals and I feel honored to provide a warm and loving home to the cat she adored. ☺



Daisey’s new family was honored to welcome this confident and curious cat into their home after her owner passed away.

The *OHS Friends Forever* program was founded in 1994 and has helped hundreds of OHS supporters make a plan for their pets. To learn more about Friends Forever or to enroll your pets in the program, visit the OHS website at oregonhumane.org or contact Kathryn Karr at (503) 802-6743, kathrynk@oregonhumane.org. A 30-minute presentation on Friends Forever, suitable for individuals and small groups, is also available.

HAPPY tails

Finding homes for animals is one of the most important things we do at the Oregon Humane Society. When adopters keep in touch, their stories and photos inspire us.



Takeo



Hello OHS!

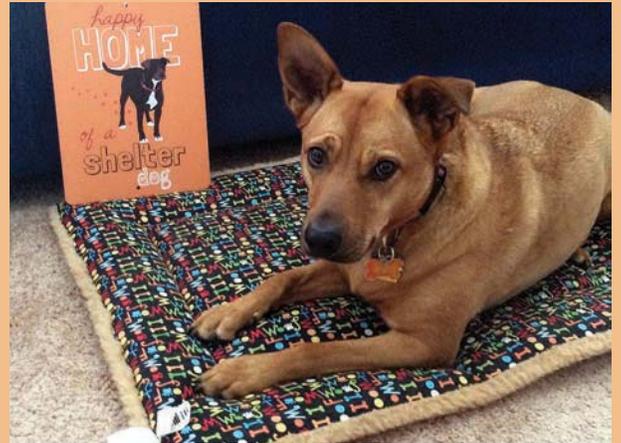
We adopted Dusty (now named Takeo) at the end of June and we couldn't be happier with this adventuresome kitty!

We were petless since April when our dog Tanner (an OHS graduate) passed away, and Takeo has brought so much joy back into our household! At ten months old he is fearless, curious, playful and so much fun! He endured about a half hour of "containment" before he insisted on exploring the entire house. He's got us wrapped around his tail.

Many thanks to the volunteers who help with the cats, and to John who helped with our adoption. We hope to be back to add a dog to our household soon.

All best wishes, Kirsten Berg & Ryan Thomas

Nora



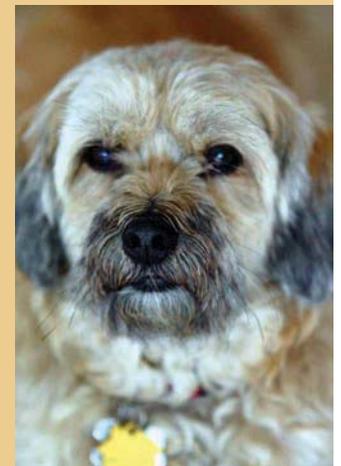
Hello OHS,

One year ago, I brought home Nora, a skittish and somewhat thin shed-monster from OHS. She has since blossomed into a sweet

and sensitive girl who charms pretty much everyone she meets. It did take some training and patience, and she can still get a bit nervous around new people, but she has regular play-pals at our apartment complex, has learned her basic commands (though she doesn't always listen), and I honestly can't imagine my life without her. Thanks again to our pals there at OHS for bringing us together, and happy Nora-versary!

Thank you, Jim Spivey

Buddy



Dear OHS,

We adopted Buddy in March of 2016. Thank you to OHS for saving our Buddy through the Second Chance Program. He loves chasing birds, airplanes and waves when we visit the beach. We can't imagine life without Buddy—he is the best addition to our family.

Thanks, Laurie, Barbara and Clayton Meek

WE LOVE TO HEAR how animals adopted from OHS are doing. Send your letters, stories, emails and photos to: Editor, OHS, 1067 NE Columbia Blvd. Portland OR 97211; OHS@oregonhumane.org.

Did you know...

- » There is never a time limit on how long animals remain available for adoption at OHS.
- » You can see every animal available for adoption on our website at oregonhumane.org.
- » OHS save rates are among the highest in the nation: 97% for all pets in 2016.
- » Adoptions include an ID microchip, initial vaccines, a courtesy veterinary exam, one month of free pet health insurance and plenty of post-adoption support. Every animal is also spayed or neutered before being adopted.

Services Directory

OHS is dedicated to making our community a better place. Call (503) 285-7722 for more information or visit us online at oregonhumane.org.

ANIMAL ADOPTIONS

Cats, dogs, birds, rodents and rabbits are available for adoption. (503) 285-7722.

ANIMAL ASSISTED THERAPY TRAINING

OHS prepares people and pets for the national evaluation exam. (503) 285-7722; lorik@oregonhumane.org.

ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATIONS

OHS officers investigate animal neglect and abuse. Cruelty complaint hotline: (503) 285-7722, ext. 214.

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OHS responds to situations where an animal is trapped and needs human help (in case of emergency, call your local police). (503) 802-6707.

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Food, supplies and training are offered to animal agencies throughout Oregon. (503) 416-2993.

BEHAVIOR HELP LINE & WEB PAGES

Consult our online resources, or call the free OHS telephone help line with questions about problem pet behavior. (503) 416-2983.

FIND A HOME FOR YOUR PET

If you are unable to keep your pet, OHS may be able to place your pet in a new home. Call first to schedule an appointment. (503) 285-7722, ext. 211.

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OHS offers classroom presentations, after school clubs, summer camps and more. (503) 416-2986; barbc@oregonhumane.org.

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OHS cannot accept stray animals; contact your local animal control agency. More resources available at oregonhumane.org/lost_pets.

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OHS maintains an animal cemetery, mausoleum and columbarium and provides private cremation services. Euthanasia services are offered if no other options are available. (503) 285-7722.

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Our retail stores inside the shelter offer a variety of supplies. (503) 285-7722 x201.

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OHS offers classes and consultations. (503) 285-7722 x486; deborahf@oregonhumane.org.

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To learn more about opportunities to help animals, call (503) 285-7722 or visit us online at oregonhumane.org.

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Donate your vehicle to OHS and claim a charitable deduction. Contact Karen Crone, (503) 802-6766; karenc@oregonhumane.org.

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Donate fine art, jewelry, popular electronics, or memorabilia. Contact Marsha Chrest, (503) 416-7079; marshac@oregonhumane.org.

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The Thomas Lamb Eliot Circle (TLC) honors donors contributing \$1,000 annually. Contact Kelsey O'Lea, (503) 802-6787; kelsey@oregonhumane.org.

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OHS volunteer programs are available for youths, adults, groups and companies. Contact Kim Hudson, (503) 285-7722, ext. 204; volun@oregonhumane.org.

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